

## SHEEP DOGS INTELLIGENCE.

Some Interesting Experiments Performed at the Trials of the Collies.

Since the introduction of sheep-dog trials in Wales and England, this highly interesting and instructive sport is becoming yearly more popular. On a fine day it would indeed be difficult to find a more interesting sight than the highly trained shepherd's dog, or collie, working the little flock of three of the wildest sheep over the course in a most wonderful manner. The friendliness and jovial good-humor of the owners of dogs toward one another are in marked contrast to the jealousies so often present at sporting meetings, added to which the fresh air, healthy surroundings and gay throngs go to make a thorough day's enjoyment.

The shepherd working the dog stands at the post, from which he is not allowed to move more than six yards. At a given signal three sheep are liberated from the pen; the shepherd then sends his dog to the sheep, which are to be driven in the direction indicated by the arrows and between the hurdles; if any of the sheep go outside the hurdles the dog must bring them back and take them the proper course, to the triangular pen of three hurdles, which has an opening of 22 inches, or just wide enough to allow one sheep to enter at a time; he has then to pen them, the time allowed being 13 minutes from the time the three sheep are first liberated. The worker of the dog is allowed to assist, without, however, touching the sheep when the dog has brought them up to the pen. The shepherd works the dog almost entirely by whistling or motions. Often the sheep separate at the commencement; the dog has then to bring them together and start with his charge at the proper place. The competitor may be successful in driving his three sheep up to the pen at the end of the trial; he has then had a most difficult task, and the utmost patience and skill are then required, as only one sheep can enter at a time, and the other two will often go outside the pen. It is then the dog's sagacity is shown. He will crawl on his belly like a cat, and quietly drive them inch by inch until he gets them in the opening and the three jostled into the pen.

Another innovation has lately been introduced at some trials. The shepherd marks three sheep, which are driven among a flock of about a hundred or more. The dog has then to find the marked sheep and bring them from among the others, which he does, showing wonderful sagacity and intelligence in doing so.

In training collies, the young dogs are generally taught by accompanying old dogs. Months of patient toil are required to fit them to compete at trials successfully. The young dog is very wild and apt to overrun the sheep, in which case the shepherd often has to devise a means to hold him in check, which he does by tying up one of his front paws with his pocket handkerchief around the dog's neck, thus leaving the dog only three legs to run on, and it is surprising how soon the dog understands its meaning. — *Ludgate (Eng.) Magazine.*

## A STRING OF DON'TS.

Some of Which May Be Helpful if Remembered and Put into Daily Practice.

Don't eat candy in the theater if it necessitates rattling paper during the performance. Besides it is bad form to eat in public.

Don't let your dress drag when walking down stairs unless you want to add materially to your collection of microbes—to say nothing of the dust.

Don't worry because there are half a dozen freckles on your nose. No one will notice them if you don't call attention to them. Besides, they have probably been there all winter.

Don't order more than you can eat simply because some one is looking at you. Independence is more to be admired than extravagance.

Don't wait for inspiration to say something graceful when you walk up to congratulate the bride. Impromptu speeches are always more successful when they are prepared beforehand.

Don't scowl at the conductor if he fails to let you off at the right corner. A sweetly resigned look will draw the sympathy of the passengers and an athletic apology from the pasteboard collector—but if you look cross and ugly, they'll smile and think it a good joke on you. — *Detroit Free Press.*

## Like a Lady.

"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came downstairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. You know how to do it better than that. Now go back and come down the stairs like a lady."

Frances retired, and after the lapse of a few minutes reentered the parlor. "Did you hear me come downstairs this time, mamma?"

"No, dear. I am glad you came down quietly. Now don't let me have to tell you again not to come down noisily, for I see that you can come quietly if you will. Now tell the ladies how you managed to come down like a lady the second time, while the first time you made so much noise."

"The last time I slid down the banisters," explained Frances. — *Harper's Bazar.*

## Forgetfulness of Self.

A devout woman once wrote thus: "In my own family I try to be as little in the way as possible, satisfied with everything, and never to believe for a moment that anyone means unkindly towards me. If people are friendly and kind to me, I enjoy it; if they neglect me or leave me, I am always happy alone. It all tends to my one aim, forgetfulness of self, in order to please God." — *Detroit Free Press.*

## LETTER FROM NORWAY.

NYE SANDVIKSVEN No. 16, BERGEN, NORWAY.

EDITOR AGENTS.—I find in the last number I received that the *Agnes* has got a new master, of whom I know nothing, but as he professes to be a good Republican I will accept of the change and allow him to fight our battles in the hope, however, that he will say nothing about the Democrats, because many of their ideas are poor and simple enough already, and besides I have once been a Democrat. When I first came to America I was informed that democracy was the true benefactor of the people, and believing at that time no American would tell a "fib," I entered their ranks, but soon learning true political gospel, joined the ranks of those who were the true lovers of America—those who had the interests of home industry, products, and improvements at heart. American wool, cloth, manufactures and produce are going out enough for me and my family.

If the Democrats want all their cloth made in England, their toys in Germany and their canned fish from Norway, provided they will all move into one part of the country, then no one will object. In addition they can have cheap labor. A servant girl in this country gets \$2.00 per month, a laborer 25 cents a day, good mechanics one whole dollar per diem. So it is no wonder they can manufacture cheap goods, and with no duty export goods enough to stop every factory in America, and make good profits too. To allow these cheap labor manufactures to come in free of duty looks to me as ridiculous as the idea of having the government pay \$1.00 for every 50 cents worth of silver just for the sake of making a few mineowners rich.

It is a very deplorable matter to think that so many good and otherwise useful men can be blinded in regard to economy, and I am sorry to see that many of my best friends are Democrats, and I can also acknowledge that many Democratic principals are good. I would like to have all that is good in both parties bunched together, in one and all that is derogatory to national protection to home industry and sound money thrown aside.

If I were at home for the election, as I know I would be nominated for President although I was born in Denmark, and being a Danish charcoal burner and having faithfully kicked the cactus in Arizona for 18 years I know I would be competent.

The *Agnes* is one of my most welcome visitors in this cold and clammy northland and is a first class paper and should have many subscribers. I enjoy splendid health. It rains half the time, but we eat plenty of fish, so we can swim in the water. Kind regards to old friends who will please send a line to above address. Respectfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. KEMPE.

## Would Not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me alright. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. Wilson, Livestockman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by F. J. Watron, Druggist.

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## Story of a Slave.

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